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## **Senator Cassis presents special tribute to Wolverine Lake at Benstein Boardwalk ribbon-cutting**

**LANSING**—The village of Wolverine Lake held a ribbon-cutting ceremony Thursday to celebrate the completion of the Benstein Boardwalk, and state Sen. Nancy Cassis, who worked hard to make the boardwalk a reality, presented a special tribute to the village for its efforts on the project.

“Through persistence and the cooperation of many people, the goal of providing a safe walking trail in the village has been accomplished,” said Cassis, R-Novi. “I think it’s a tribute to all involved that we were able to come together, reach consensus, and get the job done.”

While many of the participants had differing ideas about the width of the boardwalk, Cassis was able to facilitate collaboration among them. The parties involved in developing the boardwalk include the village of Wolverine Lake; Powell and Associates Engineers; the Michigan Department of Transportation, which provided a grant for the project; village council members; citizens of Wolverine Lake; and the Parks and Recreation Board and the United Neighborhoods Subcommittee.

The boardwalk was constructed over marshlands and will give users easy access to Clara Miller Park, the Vita Trail and local retailers. Several lookout points will allow walkers to safely enjoy the beauty and scenery of Wolverine Lake and the extensive wildlife of the marshlands.

Attending the ribbon cutting were state Representative David Law, R-Commerce Township; Karen Vickers, president of the village council; Patrick Donnelly, president pro tem; council members John Coxeter, James Gualdoni, John Magee and Michael Stack; Administrator Sharon Miller; Clerk Rita L. Irwin; Treasurer Mike Kondek; Mike Powell of Powell and Associates Engineers, the engineering firm on the project; Bob DeCorte of the Traffic Improvement Association; Roger Bush, chair of the United Neighborhood Subcommittee and Parks and Recreation Board member; board members Rick Pobe and Linda Champagne; and Dave Wilner, former president of the village council.

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